



**City of Phoenix**  
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

**To:** City of Phoenix Planning Commission **Date:** September 1, 2022

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**Subject:** Item No. 17 (Z-28-22-8) – Northwest corner of 23rd Avenue and Baseline Road

This memo is to address the South Mountain Village Planning Committee recommendation which included an additional stipulation regarding funding for traffic calming device/s on 23rd Avenue.

On July 12, 2022, the South Mountain Village Planning Committee continued the case to the August 9, 2022 hearing to give the applicant time to work on elevations, and access concerns expressed by the Committee.

On August 9, 2022, the Committee recommended approval, per the staff recommendation with additional stipulations by a vote of 7 to 4. A stipulation was added to require that building elevations be presented for review and comment to the Village Planning Committee prior to final site plan approval. Staff has no concerns with this added stipulation. A stipulation was also added to require that funds be provided for traffic calming device/s on 23rd Avenue.

Funding for traffic calming devices on 23rd Avenue will require additional input from the Street Transportation Department. Staff recommends modifying this added stipulation to require that the developer work with the neighborhood and the Street Transportation Department to pursue a traffic calming solution.

Staff recommends approval, subject to the revised stipulations below:

1. The development shall not exceed a maximum of 55 lots.
2. A minimum of 10% of the gross site area, exclusive of required landscape setbacks, shall be provided as open space, as approved by the Planning and Development Department.
3. A minimum landscape setback of 20 feet shall be provided along 23rd and 24th Avenues. The landscape setback may be reduced to 17 feet for up to 50% of this frontage for the purpose of staggering setbacks for the perimeter theme wall, as approved by the Planning and Development Department.
4. A minimum landscape setback of 50 feet shall be provided along Baseline Road. The landscape setback may be reduced to 47 feet for up to 50% of this

frontage for the purpose of staggering the perimeter theme wall and screening utility boxes, as approved by the Planning and Development Department.

5. All required landscape setbacks shall be planted with minimum 75-percent 2-inch caliper and 25-percent 3-inch caliper large canopy drought-tolerant trees, planted 25 feet on center or in equivalent groupings, with five 5-gallon shrubs per tree, as approved by the Planning and Development Department.
6. A minimum of one milkweed shrub, or other native nectar species, shall be planted for every required tree in addition to the required shrubs, and shall be planted in groups of three or more, as approved by the Planning and Development Department.
7. A minimum of 75 percent of the standard building elevations provided shall include a covered front porch in the front yard with a minimum of 60 square feet in area and a minimum depth of 6 feet. No porch shall terminate within the plane of a door or window, as approved by the Planning and Development Department.
8. Fences and walls shall be in general conformance with the wall plan and wall details (wall elevations) date stamped April 1, 2022, as modified by the following stipulations, and approved by the Planning and Development Department:
  - a. Partial view fencing, which may include solid columns up to 24 inches in width, shall be utilized where walls are proposed around open space areas, the partial view fencing shall be a maximum 3-foot solid wall and 3-foot view fencing.
  - b. Perimeter walls bounding the rear or side yard property lines of residential lots along 23rd Avenue, 24th Avenue, and Baseline Road shall include minimum three-foot offsets, and material and textural differences, such as stucco, and/or split face or slump block or a decorative element, such as tile or stamped designs, as approved by the Planning and Development Department.
  - c. The wall layout depicted in the wall details (wall elevations) plan shall be modified where necessary to accommodate site layout changes that avoid conflicts with the Zoning Ordinance or City Code requirements.
9. Project entry/exit drives along 23rd and 24th Avenues shall incorporate decorative pavers, stamped or colored concrete, or similar alternative material, as approved by the Planning and Development Department.
10. Project entry/exit drives along 23rd and 24th Avenues shall incorporate enhanced landscaping on both sides planted with a variety of at least three plant materials, as approved by the Planning and Development Department. Each landscaped area shall be a minimum of 250-square feet.

11. A tot lot with shade equipment shall be provided in the central/primary open space amenity area, as approved by the Planning and Development Department.
12. The following shall be provided in each open space amenity area, as approved by the Planning and Development Department: Modify
  - a. One picnic area with a barbeque grill, shade ramada, and a picnic table;
  - b. Two benches or seating features; and
  - c. A minimum of 6 bicycle parking spaces shall be provided through inverted U, and/or artistic racks. The racks shall be shaded by a tree or structure and installed per the requirements of Section 1307.H. of the Phoenix Zoning Ordinance. Artistic racks shall adhere to the City of Phoenix Preferred Designs in Appendix K or the Comprehensive Bicycle Master Plan, as approved by the Planning and Development Department.
13. All sidewalks along 23rd Avenue and 24th Avenue shall be a minimum of 5 feet in width and detached with a minimum 5-foot wide landscape strip located between the sidewalk and back of curb and planted to the following standards, as approved by the Planning and Development Department.
  - a. Minimum 2-inch caliper single-trunk large canopy drought-tolerant shade trees planted to provide a minimum of 75% shade, at maturity.
  - b. Drought tolerant vegetation to achieve 75% live coverage at maturity.

Where utility conflicts exist, the developer shall work with the Planning and Development Department on alternative design solutions consistent with a pedestrian environment for installing the required plants.

14. All sidewalks along Baseline Road shall be a minimum of 6 feet in width and detached with a minimum 11-foot-wide landscape strip located between the sidewalk and back of curb and planted to the following standards, as approved by the Planning and Development Department.
  - a. Minimum 75% 2-inch caliper single-trunk large canopy drought-tolerant shade trees, and minimum 25% 3-inch caliper single-trunk large canopy drought-tolerant shade trees.
  - b. Drought tolerant vegetation to achieve 75% live coverage at maturity.

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15. All sidewalks within the development shall be detached with a minimum 5-foot wide landscaped strip located between the sidewalk and back of curb and shall include minimum 2-inch caliper single trunk shade trees planted at a rate of one tree per lot.
  - a. Where adjacent to open space areas, trees shall be planted a minimum of 20 feet on center or in equivalent groupings.
  - b. Drought tolerant vegetation to achieve 75% live coverage at maturity.

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16. The developer shall dedicate a multi-use trail easement (MUTE) along the north side of Baseline Road and construct a minimum 10-foot-wide multi-use trail (MUT) within the easement in accordance with the MAG supplemental detail, as approved by the Planning and Development Department. The developer shall work with the Site Planning section on an alternate design for this requirement through the technical appeal process.
17. The developer shall dedicate a minimum of 30 feet of right-of-way and construct the west side of 23rd Avenue, as approved by the Planning and Development Department.
18. The developer shall dedicate 25 feet of right-of-way for the east side of 24th Avenue, as approved by the Planning and Development Department.
19. The existing irrigation facilities along 23rd Avenue are to be undergrounded and relocated outside of City right-of-way. Contact SRP to identify existing land rights and establish the appropriate process to relocate the facility. Relocations that require additional dedications or land transfer require completion prior to obtaining plat and or civil plan review approval.
20. The developer shall connect to 23rd Drive, or dedicate a 50-foot radius cul-de-sac and construct a 45-foot turning radius on site at the termination of 23rd Drive, as modified and approved by the Planning and Development Department.
21. The developer shall construct all streets within and adjacent to the development with paving, curb, gutter, sidewalk, curb ramps, streetlights, median islands, landscaping and other incidentals, as per plans approved by

the Planning and Development Department. All improvements shall comply with all ADA accessibility standards.

22. The property owner shall record documents that disclose the existence, and operational characteristics of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX) to future owners or tenants of the property. The form and content of such documents shall be according to the templates and instructions provided which have been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.
23. If determined necessary by the Phoenix Archaeology Office, the applicant shall conduct Phase I data testing and submit an archaeological survey report of the development area for review and approval by the City Archaeologist prior to clearing and grubbing, landscape salvage, and/or grading approval.
24. If Phase I data testing is required, and if, upon review of the results from the Phase I data testing, the City Archaeologist, in consultation with a qualified archaeologist, determines such data recovery excavations are necessary, the applicant shall conduct Phase II archaeological data recovery excavations
25. In the event archaeological materials are encountered during construction, the developer shall immediately cease all ground-disturbing activities within a 33-foot radius of the discovery, notify the City Archaeologist, and allow time for the Archaeology Office to properly assess the materials.
26. Prior to preliminary site plan approval, the landowner shall execute a Proposition 207 Waiver of Claims forms. The waiver shall be recorded with the Maricopa County Recorder's Office and delivered to the City to be included in the rezoning application file for record.
27. BUILDING ELEVATIONS SHALL BE PRESENTED FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT TO THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN VILLAGE PLANNING COMMITTEE PRIOR TO FINAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL.
28. ~~THE DEVELOPER SHALL SET ASIDE FUNDS FOR TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICE/S ON 23RD AVENUE.~~  
**THE DEVELOPER SHALL WORK WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE STREET TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO PURSUE TRAFFIC MITIGATION ON 23RD AVENUE, PRIOR TO FINAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL, AS MODIFIED AND APPROVED BY THE STREET TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT.**